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In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as indicated below. This listing of claims replaces all prior versions.

1. (Currently Amended) A circuit arrangement for a vehicle for generating at least two DC output voltages from at least one DC input voltage, wherein the DC output voltages are smaller than the DC input voltage, the circuit arrangement comprising:

a voltage regulator for generating the DC output voltages, to supply operating power to a set of circuit elements, from a voltage regulator input,

a DC/DC converter for converting the DC input voltage to a lower voltage, the DC/DC converter <u>configured</u> able to be switched on or off by <u>responsive to</u> an on-off signal and <u>to</u> supply the lower voltage to the voltage regulator input <u>as a source for</u> generating the DC output voltages, and

a logic circuit <u>configured to</u> that provide[[s]] the on-off signal to the DC/DC converter in response to an idle state of the vehicle in which <u>the set of</u> circuit elements are switched off, the circuit elements being supplied by the DC output voltages, the logic circuit <u>further configured to receive</u> being powered by the DC input voltage <u>to power the logic circuitry even when the DC/DC converter is switched off while the vehicle is in the idle state.</u>

- 2. (Previously presented) A circuit arrangement as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the DC input voltage is used for energy supply of the arrangement.
- 3. (Previously presented) A circuit arrangement as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that, with the exception of the DC/DC converter, the circuit arrangement is realized on an integrated circuit which is preceded by the DC/DC converter.
- 4. (Previously presented) A circuit arrangement as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the circuit arrangement is realized together with the DC/DC converter on an integrated circuit.

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5. (Currently Amended) An integrated circuit for a vehicle for generating DC output voltages from at least one DC input voltage, wherein the DC output voltages are smaller than the DC input voltage, the integrated circuit comprising:

a voltage regulator for generating the DC output voltages from a voltage regulator input;

an on-off logic circuit <u>configured to</u> which generate[[s]] a switching signal in response to an idle state of the vehicle in which circuit elements powered by the DC input voltages are off, the on-off logic circuit <u>further configured to receive</u> being powered by the DC input voltage to power the on-off logic circuit while the vehicle is in the idle state; and

 \underline{a} an external DC/DC converter $\underline{configured\ to}$ that switch[[es]] on or off in response to the switching signal.

- 6. (Previously presented) A circuit arrangement as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the DC input voltage has a value of approximately 42 volts and the voltage supplied by the DC/DC converter has a value of approximately 12 volts.
- 7. (New) The circuit arrangement of claim 1, wherein the logic circuit is not powered by the DC/DC converter when the DC/DC converter is on.
- 8. (New) The circuit arrangement of claim 1, wherein the DC output voltages are smaller than the lower voltage.
- 9. (New) The circuit arrangement of claim 1, further comprising a power supply configured to supply the DC input voltage.
- 10. (New) The integrated circuit of claim 5, wherein the on-off logic circuit is not powered by the DC/DC converter when the DC/DC converter is on.

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11. (New) The integrated circuit of claim 5, wherein the DC/DC converter is configured to convert the DC input voltage to a lower voltage and to supply the lower voltage to the voltage regulator input.

- 12. (New) The integrated circuit of claim 11, wherein the DC output voltages are smaller than the lower voltage.
- 13. (New) A circuit arrangement for a vehicle, the circuit arrangement comprising:

 a DC/DC converter configured to convert a DC input voltage to a lower voltage responsive to an on-off signal;

a voltage regulator configured to generate at least two DC output voltages from the lower voltage and to supply the DC output voltages to circuit elements, the DC output voltages being smaller than the DC input voltage; and

control circuitry configured to generate the on-off signal responsive to an idle state in which the circuit elements are switched off, the control circuitry including an input that is configured to receive the DC input voltage to power the control circuitry.

- 14. (New) The circuit arrangement of claim 13, wherein the logic circuit is not powered by the DC/DC converter when the DC/DC converter is on.
- 15. (New) The circuit arrangement of claim 13, wherein the DC output voltages are smaller than the lower voltage.
- 16. (New) The circuit arrangement of claim 13, further comprising a power supply configured to supply the DC input voltage.
- 17. (New) The circuit arrangement of claim 13, wherein the DC/DC converter is configured to turn off responsive to the on-off signal when the circuit elements are to be turned off and the DC/DC converter is configured to turn on responsive to the on-off signal when the circuit elements are to be turned on.